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Resolution:

I, David Coles, representing the Milwaukee River Basin Chapter of Walleyes for Tomorrow, propose that the daily bag limit for walleye in the Milwaukee River and its tributary streams be reduced from five to one fish. Accomplishing this would necessitate creating regulations for the Milwaukee River tributaries that are distinct and separate from those for other tributary streams to Lake Michigan. This historic fishery is being restored and is extremely fragile at this point. It makes no sense to allow anglers to harvest multiple walleye per day from such an unstable adult population, (estimated in the hundreds). Furthermore, health concerns make it unwise for anyone to eat these fish more than occasionally – adding to the argument that a five-walleye limit is unwise. Given its location – in the middle of Wisconsin's largest population center – this fishery is clearly of statewide importance.

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